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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 8119

E.O. 11652: GDS2

TAGS: PINR

SUBJECT: BIO: ABD AL-FATTAH IBRAHIM

REF A. CAIRO 7463; B. STATE 223648

1. AS NOTED REF A, MIN FIN ABD AL-FATTAH SUFFERED

A HEART ATTACK IN MID-SEPTEMBER. ACTING MINFIN IS PRESENT  
MININSURANCE HASAN AL-SHARIF. ABD AL-FATTAH IS STILL  
CONFINED TO BED AND IS, THEREFORE, NOT KEEPING  
UP WITH HIS MINISTRY'S DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES.

2. ALTHOUGH HE IS ONE OF FEW "ECONOMIC" MINISTERS TO  
SURVIVE CABINET CHANGE, ABD AL-FATTAH WAS NEVER UNDER  
PUBLIC  
ATTACK FOR INCOMPETENCE AS WERE THE THREE WHO

WERE SACKED. WE UNDERSTAND HE OWES HIS JOB TO LONG  
FRIENDSHIP WITH HEGAZI WHO CLEARLY HAS FULL CONTROL OVER  
HIM. ABD AL-FATTAH'S ILLNESS HAS DEPRIVED HEGAZI OF A  
LOYAL, BUT NOT PARTICULARLY ABLE MINISTER. IF HE  
SHOULD HAVE TO STEP DOWN FOR HEALTH REASONS, WE ASSUME  
HEGAZI WOULD CHOOSE ANOTHER OLD CRONY WHO WOULD  
WORK UNDER HIS CLOSE DIRECTION TO REPLACE HIM. WHO  
THAT MIGHT BE WE JUST DO NOT KNOW. SOME REGARD  
HASAN SHARIF AS A POTENTIALLY STRONG CANDIDATE. IT  
IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT HEGAZI DESIGNATED TAHER  
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AMIN TO REPRESENT HIM AT THE IBRD/IMF

MEETINGS.

3. IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE EMBASSY AND AMERICAN  
BUSINESSMEN, ABD AL-FATTAH HAS BEEN ACCESSIBLE AND  
FRIENDLY. HE SERVED AS THE ESCORT FOR TREASURY  
SECRETARY SIMON DURING HIS VISIT TO CAIRO IN JULY, 1974.  
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